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In re Application of: Peter D. Harney

Application No: 09/220,398

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Multicomponent Nucleic Acid
Constructs*

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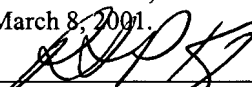
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment dated January 3, 2001 in the above application be withdrawn. In support hereof, the Petitioner states that a Continued Prosecution Application Request, along with corresponding documents, was timely sent via Express Mail #EL699592991US to Box CPA, Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on January 2, 2001 in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2000. (The response filed to the June 30, 2000 Office Action was timely as filed on January 2, 2001, as the due date of December 30, 2000 fell on a Saturday, and the next business day for filing after the weekend and holiday was January 2, 2001).

In further support hereof, the Petitioner encloses copies of the Continued Prosecution Application Request, as well as the Express Mail Receipt and Return Receipt Postcard - each stamped by the PTO as received on January 2, 2001.

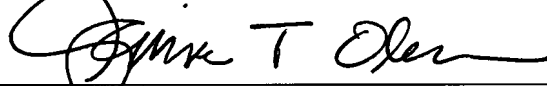
Although we believe that no fees are owed in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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